



Docket No.: 1381.1005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shunji BABA et al.

Serial No. 09/753,570

Group Art Unit: 2812

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Examiner: Angel Roman

For: METHOD OF MOUNTING CHIP ONTO PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD IN SHORTENED WORKING TIME

COMMENT ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability. Applicants provide the following Comment thereon, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104(e) and MPEP 1302.14.

As specified in MPEP 1302.14, "care must be taken to ensure that such reasons are accurate, precise, and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the claims." It is submitted that the Examiner's Statement does not meet these standards and, instead, raises "possible misinterpretations...and possible estoppel effects" (MPEP 1302.14) and, accordingly, should be disregarded.

While the Examiner's Statement addresses claims 1, 6, 8, and 11, it overlooks independent claim 2 which does not contain, as recitations, the excerpts cited as the reasons for allowance of any of these other independent claims. Accordingly, the Examiner's Statement is at least incomplete for that reason; moreover, to the extent one might be persuaded to construe the reasons for allowance as explaining the allowance of claim 2, based on those reasons given for the other independent claims, the Examiner's Statement would lead to misinterpretations of claim 2, including unwarranted narrowing interpretations.

It is submitted that the claims are not constrained by such limitations as may be implied from the Examiner's Statement, as are noted above, and, instead, that the claims speak for

themselves as to what features are included therein and thus are their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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